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SUBJECT: US INTEREST ASYLEES IN ITALIAN EMBASSY SANTIAGO:

RAFAEL GONZALEZ AGUSTIN

REF: A) SANTIAGO 1242, B) SANTIAGO 801, C) SANTIAGO 713

1. IN CONSIDERING WHAT POSITION TO TAKE ON US INTEREST FAMILY THAT HAS TAKEN REFUGE IN ITALIAN EMBASSY/SANTIAGO, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT LOCAL PRESS CORPS KNOWS ABOUT CASE AND IS WAITING FOR GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO BREAK THE STORY.

2. ITALIAN EMBASSY PERSONNEL APPARENTLY HAVE TALKED FREELY ABOUT UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF CASE. -A LOCALLY ASSIGNED AMERICAN REPORTER TOLD US FEB 19 THAT HE AND US PRESS CORPS STATIONED IN BUENOS AIRES ARE AWAITING US DECISION ON CASE BEFORE FILING STORIES, WHOSE CONTENT AND SLANT WILL DEPEND MUCH UPON HOW USG HANDLES CASE. HE HAS ASKED ITALIAN EMBASSY FOR PERMISSION TO INTERVIEW GONZALEZ WITH IDEA OF WRITING STORY REVEALING WHAT GONZALEZ KNOWS--OR SAYS HE KNOWS--ABOUT CHILEAN INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS.
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